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## LOCAL ITEMS OF INTEREST.

### AFFAIRS CAUGHT BY OUR LOCAL REPORTER AND NOTED.

Written in Condensed Form and Printed in Like Manner for the Sake of our Weary Readers.

We are having some real spring weather

Miss Essie Benjamin has returned from a visit to Georgetown.

Note the values offered in Reddick's new advertisement this week.

We received several communications too late for publication this week.

Miss Bessie Kelley has returned from an extended trip to Darlington and other places.

Mr. J. N. Hammet has been very ill for several days, but is improving.

Mr. A. Poindexter Taylor, of Columbia, was in town a day or two this week.

Titles, mortgages, bonds, notes, liens and other law blanks at the County Record office.

Persons having linen to send to a steam laundry will please leave same at Barr's Hotel.

Mr. E. W. Nixon has completed his blacksmith shop at the lower end of Main street, and is now ready for work.

We have received a communication from Mr. E. R. Lesene requesting us to state that he is not in the race for Legislative honors, saying that he saw in last week's County Record that he would probably be a candidate.

Mr. Jos. E. Brockinton has sent to this office some ripe strawberries, gathered from his two and-a-half-acre field at his home a few miles from Kingstree. Mr. Brockinton's strawberry plants are filled with young berries, and it will not be long before he will have them on the market.

### Important Notice to Subscribers.

A great many of The County Record subscribers are in arrears,—many more than usual. It is impossible for the paper to get along unless its subscribers pay.

During the year we have endeavored to give you the worth of your money. Your county paper publishes news that you can get in no other paper. The big weekly editions of daily papers do not tell you who is on the jury in Williamsburg. They do not tell you who of your friends are married and who are dead. You can not call upon them to publish the rools of honor in your schools and the announcements of your picnics and club meetings. Even the advertisements in your county paper are valuable to you—they contain information which every man in Williamsburg county frequently needs. This year is election year and you will need a county paper more than usual.

We have been indulgent—too much so for our good. We can indulge no longer. On the 25th day of March we expect to stop sending the paper to those who have shown no disposition to pay anything this fall. Between now and then, the sooner the better, we ask payment from all in arrears. If you can't pay all, and will pay a part, you will find us ready to meet you half way and to continue sending the paper.

The paper is One Dollar a year.

## DEATH OF MR. D. H. HAMER.

One of Williamsburg's Best Citizens Passes Away

Mr. Daniel H. Hamer died last Monday morning. Mr. Hamer was one of the best citizens in the county, and was well-known by every one. He came to this county about ten years ago from Marlboro and purchased the old Gordon place where he has lived ever since. He was a man who made himself felt in his community by his generosity and kindness, and was universally esteemed.

Mr. Hamer left five children: Messrs. S. B. and E. T. Hamer and Mrs. J. A. Ferrell, of this county, and Messrs. J. D. and —Hamer, of Texas.

The remains were taken to Marlboro county for interment.

### Prohibition Call.

To all voters in Williamsburg county who desire the removal of the liquor traffic, and are willing to vote in the next general election for men who advocate Prohibition.

The State Prohibition Executive Committee having called a State convention to meet in Columbia April 14th to nominate a State ticket, and having asked a full delegation from each county to take part in said nominations:

Now therefore, in order to oblige delegates chosen by the people to represent this county in said nominating convention, I earnestly urge all who favor Prohibition of the liquor traffic to attend a meeting to be held in the court house at 12 o'clock, on Saturday the second day of April next.

Joel E. Brunson,  
Chairman.

Kingstree, March 14, 1898.

### Lake City Scintillations.

Mr. H. B. Morris of Trio, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Ethel, and his wife, spent Monday and Tuesday visiting his brother, Mr. J. J. Morris.

A series of services is now in progress at the Methodist church, conducted by Rev. W. H. Kirton.

Mrs. Amanda Summerford, who had been ill but a short time, quietly passed away Tuesday evening, March 1st. She was the mother of five children, who with friends, mourn her departure.

Miss Mollie Blackwell, who has been visiting in Darlington, returned to her home a week ago. Her many friends are glad to see her among them again.

Miss Ella Morris is visiting relatives at Trio.

Mr. H. G. Askins spent Sunday with relatives in town.

Mr. D. M. Epps, accompanied by a charming young lady, attended preaching at Bethesda Sunday.

Rev. J. E. Dunlop preached his farewell sermon at the Presbyterian church here last Sunday night to a large audience. The sermon was practical and forcible. At the close of the sermon Mr. L. L. Caldwell was ordained elder, and Mr. J. D. Singletary deacon. The ordination ceremony was solemn and impressive. It was much enjoyed, especially by those who had never before witnessed such a ceremony. Mr. Dunlop has served the Presbyterian church here for seven years, and it is with reluctance that his parishioners part with him. He is deservedly popular among all denominations, and he carries with him to his new field of labor the best wishes of all.

### A Noted Lecturer Coming to Kingstree.

Editor, County Record.

Please allow me space in your columns to extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend a free lecture to be given in the court house on next Friday night, the 18th of March, by Mr. J. W. Todd the State canvasser of the Knights of Honor. A Lodge of Knights of Honor was organized here in 1879, and it has proven in deed and in truth a friend of the widow and orphan. The community knows the grand work it has done and should show its appreciation by giving the Lecturer a large audience.

JOHN A. KELLEY,  
Dictator Beulah Lodge.

## AN INTERESTING WORK.

### SECRETARY WHILDEN TALKS ABOUT SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

He Has Recently Made an Extended Trip Through This County and Organized Associations.

Mr. Frank F. Whilden, Field Secretary of the State Sunday School Association, paid Kings tree a short visit on Tuesday last and was on his way home after a long trip through Williamsburg county. A little history of the work may be interesting and Mr. Whilden consented to give us an account for the benefit of the Sunday School workers of the county and State.

After a protracted visit through Georgetown county, on official duty, he entered this county at Union church, just on the border line of Georgetown and this county. A large and enthusiastic assembly were met and thence a trip was begun by buggy, and the next place visited was Indiantown. Several days were occupied here in doing visitation work. A meeting was held and the following named gentlemen were elected as the officers of this township: Hugh McCutchen, president; M. W. Rodgers, vice president; Hugh M. Cooper, secretary and treasurer.

From this point through the kindness of Mr. Percy Snowden a trip was made to Johnsonville church whence on the evening of Monday, Feb. 28th, was held a very large gathering and great interest was shown in the advanced method of work. Here also an organization was effected and the following parties elected: Marvin Eaddy, president; L. L. Ard, vice president; Albert Eaddy, secretary and treasurer. The kind and large hearted people extended an invitation for the County Convention to meet with them at some near day. From Johnsonville a trip was made to Prospect church, and through the kindness of Mr. W. H. Eaddy, his home was thrown open and a large "parlor conference" held, resulting in the organization of an association at this point, the following being the officers: A. B. Lawrence, president; L. C. Baker, vice president; J. Davis Carter, secretary and treasurer. From this point your traveller went to Liberty church and here found Mr. Louis Baker a warm and earnest friend who spent time and effort in obtaining an audience. His efforts were crowned with great success, as a large meeting held here testified.

A visit was next made to Lake City where good workers were met and help obtained. Mr. H. H. Singletary and his family being particularly kind to the traveler. On Saturday night a large gathering was held for "men only," and on Sunday, at 4 p. m. the Baptist church was crowded to its utmost capacity, and they listened to the story of the Field Secretary, and at the close of the service organized a township association with the following officers: J. B. McCutchen, president; J. Madison Thomas, vice president; L. L. Caldwell, secretary and treasurer. A rapid drive to Cades brought the Secretary to the hospitable home of Mr. Henry Sauls, who had kindly assisted in arranging for a meeting at 8 p. m. at the Methodist church. The seating capacity of this large auditorium was filled and again the story of advanced Sunday School work was told, the result being the electing of the following parties for officers of

this township association: J. J. M. Graham, Jr. president; J. B. Grimsley, vice president; Mrs. E. S. Sauls, secretary and treasurer.

On Monday night a meeting was held in the Methodist church at Scranton. A hard rain, and muddy earth prevented a large gathering, but quite a number came out, and great interest was manifested. The following parties were here chosen as township officers: A. M. Cook, president; W. B. Scott, vice president; Miss Anna Mixon, secretary and treasurer. At this point ended one of the most successful and eventful trips of the Secretary in his work. Friends were found on every hand, and the open hospitality of the people was very marked, on some occasions as many as four invitations were given to him for entertainment.

The impression made on the mind of the Secretary was that the people are ready and anxious for better work along all important lines, and they must be brought together for consultation and instruction.

The children in the county are numerous, and the advantages limited and the people who have the ability and the means, should put their hand to the work and assist in every way in agitating, educating, upbuilding and ingathering. The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few, pray therefore that more workers may be sent into the fields to reap the net rewards for the Great Master.

### Base Ball Club Organized.

The young men of the town held a meeting at the office of Thos. M. Gilland, Esq., last Monday night and organized a base ball club for the year 1898. A manager, a secretary and treasurer and a captain for the season were elected. Another meeting will be held tonight at the court house to transact such business as will properly come before the assembly, and all men in the community who are interested in base ball matters are earnestly urged to attend. The boys are going into the matter this year in real earnest, and tonight will elect a sponsor, so it behooves every young man in the community to attend the meeting.

The manager-elect has already made a donation of one dozen Southern League balls to his club and other donations will be made tonight. The young men intend to have a first-class nine this season, and they ask the co-operation of the business men of the town in their undertaking. As it will take money to run the team, it is expected that all the sport-loving gentlemen of the community will contribute to the cause that furnished so much entertainment for them last year.

### Mailed With Joy.

Editor, County Record:—

We hail with joy the agitation of the prohibition movement. By perseverance and prudence we can, as we once did, carry our county. No wiser choice could have been made in the selection of a leader in our county. Friend Brunson is a staunch man, a true prohibitionist, no politician, but one who is working to rid our State of the greatest curse known to any people. I am ready to do all that I can for the cause.

E. B. Rhodus,  
Greeleyville, S. C.

## SHOOTING AT SALEM.

### ONE NEGRO SHOTS ANOTHER, FATALLY WOUNDING HIM.

Elias Dinkins Perhaps Killed By Frank Washington, Both Colored. —Washington Escapes.

Information reached Kingstree last Saturday of a shooting which occurred at Salem (Wilson's mill) last Wednesday, that may result in the death of one of the participants. The sheriff was notified Saturday, and Mr. R. R. Stutts was deputized to go to Salem for the man who did the shooting. We interviewed Mr. Stutts regarding the matter and he gave us the following account of the affair:

Elias Dinkins a colored man who worked at Wilson's mill, had raised an adopted daughter, who was loved by Frank Washington, a young negro who also worked at the mill. Dinkins did not favor the suit of Washington, and so told him to leave off his attentions to the girl. This turn of affairs did not meet the approval of either the girl or her lover, so they determined to run away, which they did a few days before the shooting. Wednesday night the couple returned and the girl went into Dinkins' house and attempted to get him to come out and talk to Washington, which Dinkins refused to do. Upon failing to get the old man out the girl called out to the negro outside, and in a few seconds Dinkins was shot through the breast, the ball passing through the lung. The man had been shot through the window. The girl ran out and she and the man Washington escaped. Mr. Stutts made an all-night search for the negro who did the shooting but failed to find him, and returned to Kingstree Sunday morning without his prisoner.

At last accounts Dinkins was still alive, but we were told that Dr. Williams, who was attending him, said that he could not live.

### An Enjoyable Occasion.

[Reported for the Record.]

Quite a gay and novel entertainment was enjoyed by many of our Kingstree young ladies and gentlemen last Thursday night, at the residence of Mr. Chestley Smith, five miles from town. The entertainment was a "Tacky," fancy dress ball, given in honor of Misses Gregg and McPherson, of Claussen, who were visiting Mrs. Smith. The costumes were of every description imaginable, of the ridiculous order. The nobby sail or boy, Kingsree's base ball player, Buffalo Bill, Indian squaw, gypsies, clowns, country duds, country maids of yore olden time, the modern country maid, trumps, and many others were present.

Refreshments were served in tin plates and tin cups. Prizes were awarded to Miss McPherson and Mr. Wilkes Neemith, for wearing the most unique costumes.

Misses Minnie Gregg and Emma McPherson, who have been visiting Mrs. Chestley Smith, returned to their home at Claussen Saturday.

### For Sale.

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Gourdin, S. C.

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